

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**February 8, 2010
REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Powers presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Keith Nesbitt, Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby, Bridget Powers, J. M. Holmes

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio, Public Works Director Jack Warren, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Police Chief Valerie Harris, Police Captain John Ruffcorn and Deputy City Clerk Amy Lind

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6:

(1) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR G.C. 54957.6

City Negotiator: Robert Richardson, David Mackowiak
Employee Organization: All Bargaining Units

(2) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION G.C. 54957

Title: City Manager

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION
No reportable action

CALL TO ORDER REGULAR SESSION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 10-08** ratify and approve payment of warrants 73680 through 74026 totaling \$3,023,225.15.

2. **Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of January 11, 2010.

3. **Amendment of City Ordinance Governing Claims Against the City**

Waive full reading and adopt **ORDINANCE 10-01** to adopt Section 33.116 of the Auburn Municipal Code regarding claims against the City.

4. **Airport Office Lease - Sean O'Mahoney dba Freedom Air Aircraft Sales & Consulting**

By **RESOLUTION 10-09** authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a lease for commercial office space in the Auburn Municipal Airport Operations Building between the City of Auburn and Sean O'Mahoney, dba Freedom Air Aircraft Sales & Consulting.

5. **Extension of Professional Services Agreement with PBS&J for The Baltimore Ravine Environmental Impact Report (BRSP EIR)**

By **RESOLUTION 10-10** authorize the Community Development Director to extend the agreement for consulting services between the City of Auburn and PBS&J to assist the City in its review and preparation of the Baltimore Ravine Environmental Impact Report.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve the Consent Calendar.

MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/Approved 5:0 (Council Member Nesbitt abstained from item # 2)

6. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes said this year is the National Census. He expressed the importance of the Census for the City. He also suggested City staff look into the pros and cons of an Elected vs. an Appointed City Clerk. He said if it is going to be on the ballot for this November, the deadline to do so is June 30, 2010. Council Member Holmes also spoke about The National Geographic Society, Sierra Nevada Conservancy and the Sierra Business Council working together on a Geotourism project. He said this is an opportunity to get items of historical and geographical importance listed for the City.

REPORTS

7. **Auburn Fire 2009 Incident Response Report**

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi presented an overview of 2009 Fire Department response. (Presentation available in full in City Clerk's Office.)

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) Grant money, (2) contracting out "Medical Service" calls, (3) definition of "Service Call" in report, (4) increase of "Hazardous Calls" in report, (5) partnership for inmate work crews on public lands, (6) volunteer safety class, (7) W.A.R.N. system, (8) Evacuation Plan, (9) Fire Insurance renewals, (10) Carbon Dioxide measuring devices, (11) fire inspections for new businesses, (12) service calls vs. increased population, (13) increased response time.

8. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Holmes said Sierra Economic Development Corporation had a meeting last week. He said the area covered by SED Corp is expanding up to Modoc County. He said Placer County is looking at rejoining SED Corp. He said the first SED Corp Business Bootcamp was recently completed and many other classes are available for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

Council Member Holmes reported that the ad hoc Committee for Brewery Lane is meeting Feb 17th in the Rose Room.

Council Member Hanley said Placer County Community Services Commission received \$170,000 in federal funds to distribute to organizations that help the homeless. He said they made recommendations that will go to The Board of Supervisors for final distribution. He said the Commission also monitors how funds are being used.

Council Member Nesbitt reported the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency is having to "do a lot of maneuvering to keep some of the savings that we have had on the projects that we are trying to move towards other projects, the State and some of the Funding mechanisms are trying to pull back those funds". He said there is a new leasing agent on the Nevada Street Station Building.

Council Member Nesbitt said there is a SHAAC meeting 02/11/10 in the Rose Room. He said he encourages the public to come and share history and facts about Central Square and be part of the decisions.

Council Member Kirby said he was elected Chairman of the Placer – Nevada County Water Agency and reported on their current focus.

Mayor Powers said Placer County Economic Development Commission will be having their annual breakfast March 17, 2010 to honor the private business of the year and present other awards.

Mayor Powers said the Airport Business Park Association is starting to form. There is a meeting 3/31/10 to establish interest in President, Secretary, Treasurer. She said there is also a meeting 3/8/10 for those interested in this association.

Mayor Powers said the Economic Development Commission, the City of Auburn and the Chamber of Commerce are putting on the Ribbon Cutting at Central Square on 2/24/10.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

9. Ordinance Repealing Obsolete Provisions of the Municipal Code

City Attorney Michael Colantuono, upon request of the Council, reviewed the Auburn Municipal Code and identified ordinances that are no longer enforceable or necessary.

Council Members request at second reading of this ordinance, full copies of the repealed sections be made available to Council.

By **MOTION**, waive full reading and introduce an **ORDINANCE** to repeal Sections 11.30 -11.34, Sections 31.080 – 31.081, Section 35.01, Sections 50.25 – 50.31, Chapter 51, and Chapter 75 of the City of Auburn Municipal Code. **MOTION: Nesbitt/ Kirby/ Approved 5:0**

10. **Lake Clementine Update and Letter of Support**

Council Member Holmes gave an update on Lake Clementine Recreation Area. He said to be proactive we need to raise this issue again now and relay that we need a permanent fix to keep this area open. He said the Auburn Chamber of Commerce also supports this action and has included a letter. Council Member Holmes said he would like to add two of the Board of Supervisors to the list of people receiving a copy of the letter.

Mayor Powers said the Auburn Ski Club has offered to help run the area as they have in the past. She said they are interested in discussing with someone what they can do to help offset the costs.

By **MOTION** approve submitting the proposed letter with some minor corrections, and also including the Chamber letter, and copying the Board of Supervisors and Senators Boxer and Feinstein. **MOTION: Hanley/Holmes/ Approved 5:0**

11. **CAP - TO - CAP Representative**

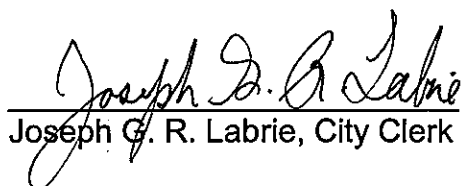
Councilmember Holmes introduced the item.

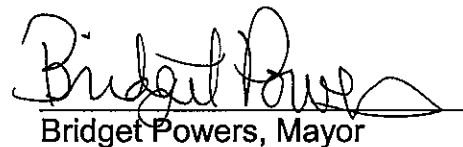
Council Member discussion follows regarding: (1) importance of sending a representative to DC to lobby, (2) level of funding for representative, (3) grants available at local level, (4) projects to be presented at conference, (5) funding possibilities available only at conference, (6) public perception, (7) possible matching funds requirements, (8) Mayor paying out-of-pocket for all expenses except registration.

By **MOTION**, approve expenditure of \$1,525 to pay for the registration fee for the Mayor to attend the Cap-to-Cap conference. **MOTION: Kirby/Nesbitt/Approved 5:0**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Powers, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m


Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk


Bridget Powers, Mayor